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SUBJECT: US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN OECD

1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS A STATEMENT OF US FOREIGN
POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN OECD. A SEPARATE MESSAGE
WILL PROVIDE EXPLANATORY INFORMATION ON THE PURPOSE,
IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF THESE STATEMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

I. STRENGTHENED OECD EFFECTIVENESS AS AN INSTRUMENT
OF U.S. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY.

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-- EMPHASIZE OECD PROGRAM AND BUDGET SUPPORT FOR AREAS
IDENTIFIED AS U.S. PRIORITIES.

-- ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FROM OECD MEMBERS AND WITHIN THE
SECRETARIAT FOR U.S. MINISTERIAL AND OTHER INITIATIVES.

-- PROMOTE INCREASED CONTACTS BETWEEN SECRETARIAT AND U.S. OFFICIALS TO EXPLAIN U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVES.

-- ENCOURAGE INFORMAL MEETINGS BETWEEN SECRETARIAT AND U.S. EXPERTS AND CONSIDER WAYS OF IMPROVING OECD

CAPABILITIES, SUCH AS IN ECONOMIC FORECASTING TECHNIQUES.

-- ENCOURAGE NEW U.S. INITIATIVES ON MNE'S IN THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GROUPS.

II. EXTENSION OF OECD EFFORTS IN MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

-- MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF TREND TOWARD INTER-GOVERNMENTAL DECISION-MAKING THROUGH OECD WHEN IT IS IN THE U.S. INTEREST TO DO SO.

-- HELP RALLY SUPPORT OF LIKE-MINDED OECD COUNTRIES TO DEAL WITH BLOC TACTICS OF OTHER GROUPS (E.G. G-77).

-- TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF THE OECD'S ROLE AS A POLICY COORDINATING FORUM FOR EVOLVING COMPATIBLE VIEWS ON ISSUES AND, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, COMMON POSITIONS FOR MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

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-- WORK TO IMPROVE COORDINATION OF ENERGY POLICIES OF ENERGY CONSUMING COUNTRIES.

-- WORK TO IMPROVE COORDINATION BETWEEN IEA AND NEA ON ISSUES WHERE THEIR INTERESTS OVERLAP.

-- USE OECD AS A FORUM FOR COORDINATING FRENCH ENERGY EFFORTS WITH THOSE OF IEA WHILE EMPHASIZING IEA AS THE PRINCIPAL VEHICLE FOR CONSUMING COUNTRY COOPERATION.

-- ENCOURAGE CAREFUL SECRETARIAT HANDLING OF EPC ECONOMIC GROWTH "TARGETING" EXERCISE.

-- PROMOTE AN IMPROVED EXAMINATION PROCESS OF SMALL COUNTRIES' ECONOMIES IN EPC'S TEMPORARY WORKING PARTY.

-- SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF MINISTERIAL-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND ANALYSIS IN EPC'S WP-2 AND IN THE MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURAL CAUSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND EFFICACY OF SELECTIVE POLICIES.

-- STIMULATE FURTHER WORK ON DETERMINANTS OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN EPC'S WP-2 AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE.

-- ENCOURAGE CONTINUED WORK ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES AND THE ADJUSTMENT PROCESS IN THE EPC AND ITS

WP-3.

-- PROMOTE A CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITMENT BY OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES, AS CURRENTLY EXPRESSED IN THE TRADE PLEDGE, TO AVOID PROTECTIONIST TRADE POLICIES.

-- ENCOURAGE FULL UTILIZATION OF OECD CONSULTATIVE MECHANISMS TO DEAL WITH TRADE PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY REACH CRITICAL PROPORTIONS.

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ANISMS TO DEAL WITH TRADE PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY REACH CRITICAL PROPORTIONS.

-- WORK WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION TO FACILITATE AGREEMENT ON A STRENGTHENED INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT ON EXPORT CREDITS.

-- PROMOTE FORMULATION BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF MORE ENLIGHTENED FOOD POLICIES BY ENCOURAGING OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS IN THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE OF WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION AND TRADE POLICIES INCLUDING THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION OF AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT.

-- USE THE HIGH-LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES AND ITS WORKING PARTIES TO COME UP WITH A SOUND AND COORDINATED DEVELOPED COUNTRY POSITION ON THE COMMON FUND AND SPECIFIC COMMODITY NEGOTIATIONS.

-- ACHIEVE CONCRETE PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF DONOR-COUNTRY AID.

-- DEVELOP BY THE END OF YEAR, IN DAC FOR XCSS APPROVAL, A PROGRAM ON BASIC HUMAN NEEDS WHICH MEETS THE OBJECTIVES OF THE U.S. INITIATIVE.

-- SEE THAT DAC MOVES VIGOROUSLY TO IMPLEMENT SPECIFICS OF THE PROGRAM WHICH IS ADOPTED.

-- SUPPORT CONSTRUCTIVE OECD MEMBER COUNTRY PARTICIPATION WITH US IN NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. MAKE CLEAR TO MEMBERS U.S. POLICY DECISIONS BEARING ON COMMODITIES, DEBT, PURPOSE OF AID PROGRAMS, ACCESS TO CAPITAL MARKETS, SECRET

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ETC., AND SEEK SUPPORT FOR U.S. VIEWS IN THE OECD.
ENCOURAGE DIALOGUE ON THESE SUBJECTS, WITH SPECIAL
EMPHASIS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF COOPERATIVE APPROACH
AMONG THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

-- PRESS FOR CONCLUSION IN THE DAC OF A DONOR COUNTRY
AGREEMENT ON UNTYING.

III. INCREASED SUPPORT IN THE OECD OF EAST-WEST ECONOMIC
INITIATIVES.

-- STRIVE TO COUNTERACT, AS NECESSARY, MEMBER COUNTRY FEARS
THAT U.S. SEEKS A BLOC-TO-BLOC APPROACH, OR THAT U.S.
SEEKS COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH
THE EAST.

-- SEEK TO DEVELOP, AS APPROPRIATE, MEMBER COUNTRY SUPPORT
FOR EVOLUTION OF THE EAST-WEST EXERCISE TOWARD WESTERN
COOPERATION IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF EAST-WEST ECONOMIC
RELATIONS.

IV. IMPROVEMENT OF THE OECD STRUCTURE.

-- WORK TO IMPROVE AND STREAMLINE THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE
TO MAXIMIZE EFFECTIVE USE OF OECD RESOURCES.

-- INCREASE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SECRETARIAT
PROFESSIONAL STAFF, INCLUDING CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON
HIRING GREATER NUMBERS OF QUALIFIED U.S. PERSONNEL.

-- STRENGTHEN TOP LEVELS OF OECD TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT,
ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGETING.

-- EXPAND USE OF "BUREAUS" AND OTHER INFORMAL MEETINGS AT
OECD WHICH CAN BE RESTRICTED TO COUNTRIES WITH RECON-
CILABLE DIFFERENCES.

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-- REINFORCE SMALLER BODY DECISIONS BY GREATER CULTIVATION
OF SMALLER-COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES.

-- IMPROVE QUALITY OF OECD PUBLIC AFFAIRS, BOTH IN TERMS
OF ACTIVITIES OF OECD MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
DIVISION.

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